

The Washington Post NEWS

This poll was conducted for The Washington Post and ABC News by telephone April 3 to 7, 2013 among a random national sample of 1,022 adults, including users of both conventional and cellular phones.

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*= less than 0.5 percent



1. Overall, do you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of the federal income tax system? Do you feel that way strongly, or somewhat?

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
4/7/13	39	9	30	56	26	31	4

2. Overall, do you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of the IRS, the Internal Revenue Service? Do you feel that way strongly, or somewhat?

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
4/7/13	49	13	36	48	26	22	4
3/21/10*	47	6	41	40	17	23	23
10/31/97	38	5	33	60	25	35	2
8/29/87**	49	10	39	46	19	27	5
8/23/86	51	10	41	45	19	26	4
8/24/85	48	8	40	47	19	28	5
8/18/84	60	13	47	34	11	23	6
8/20/83	50	12	38	44	16	28	6

*2010 and 1997 from Pew Research Center: "Is your overall opinion of the Internal Revenue Service, the IRS very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly unfavorable or very unfavorable?" No opinion includes volunteered responses "never heard of" and "can't rate."

**1987 and previous from Roper: "Is your opinion of them highly favorable, or moderately favorable, or not too favorable, or rather unfavorable?"

3. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of people doing all they can within the law to lower their taxes? Do you feel that way strongly, or somewhat?

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
4/7/13	85	58	27	13	6	7	2

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